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7 Resolution 1-16-F. To Support Fair and Diverse Campus Housing for Bowling Green  
8 Campus  
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11 PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky  
12 University to support a new residence hall plan for WKU Main  
13 Campus in order to address the lack of diversity within the current  
14 HRL plan.  
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16 WHEREAS: Western Kentucky University has over 20,000 students, of which  
17 76% are white according to 2015 WKU Student Profile, and  
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19 WHEREAS: In this semester alone there have been at least three documented  
20 incidents of racist crimes against students and faculty of color, and  
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22 WHEREAS: The current Honors College residence hall system comprises of  
23 Bates Hall, McLean Hall, and Minton Hall all situated in the center  
24 of campus, and  
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26 WHEREAS: The current racial makeup of the Honors College is 90% white  
27 according to 2015 WKU Student Profile, and  
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29 WHEREAS: All other non-commuter students in their first two years of school  
30 who are NOT in the Honors College must live on the periphery of  
31 campus within various residence halls, and  
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33 WHEREAS: This housing policy future plans currently call for one residence  
34 hall solely for international students, and  
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36 WHEREAS: This limited interaction between residence halls causes limited  
37 contact between students of different racial backgrounds and  
38 lifestyles, and  
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40 WHEREAS: Students in the Honors Program have limited access to learning  
41 about students from different backgrounds and lifestyles due to this  
42 policy, as well as International students who are not receiving an  
43 authentic American college resident hall experience , and  
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45 WHEREAS: In the new 10-year housing policy already proposed by HRL.  
46 Bates and McLean will cease to be Honors residence halls and

47 Southwest Hall will become the new Upperclassman Honors Hall,  
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50 WHEREAS: In this plan, International students will be living in Northeast Hall,  
51 only amongst themselves, and  
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53 WHEREAS: By blending the Honors College and International student  
54 residence halls it provides more diversity to Honors housing while  
55 providing international students with direct access to American  
56 students who can learn from one other.  
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59 THEREFORE: Be it resolved that SGA support a more diverse and inclusive  
60 housing policy by merging the International and Honors residence  
61 halls together into Northeast and Southwest Hall.  
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